

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 405, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
January 22, 2004**

Members Present: Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Co-Chair
Rep. David L. Hogue, Co-Chair
Sen. Patrice Arent
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Scott Daniels
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Dana C. Love

Members Absent: Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Staff Present: Jonathan Ball, Fiscal Analyst
Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst
Greta Rodebush, Committee Secretary

Visitors List: List filed with committee minutes

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Co-Chair Sen. Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. He invited the subcommittee and staff to introduce themselves as well as department and division heads and/or designated representatives in attendance.

Each subcommittee member was presented with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's "Budget Analysis FY 2005" along with the following handouts: (1) Fiscal Analyst's Recommendations for Budget Presentations; (2) Letter from Senator Leonard Blackham and Representative Ron Bigelow, Co-Chairs, Executive Appropriations Committee, dated January 20, 2004; and (3) Fiscal Analyst's Overview of Executive Offices and Criminal Justice.

Analyst Ricks reviewed the FY 2005 calendar for scheduled meetings and the procedure to be followed in hearing agency budget presentations.

Sen. Buttars asked the subcommittee to track S.B. 21 Drug Offenders Reform Act which is designed to reformat how nonviolent drug offenders are looked at.

Rep. Ron Bigelow commented on the January 20, 2004 letter distributed to all members of the Appropriations Subcommittees regarding budget hearings and the Executive Appropriations review process.

Rep. Hogue commented that staff had been asked to provide a list of restricted accounts and non-lapsing funds.

Lynne Ward, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Richard Ellis, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, commented on the recent Tax Commissions Collection Report (TC23 Report) and the Governor's upcoming tax reform package.

Rep. Bigelow stated that the TC23 Reports highlight tax revenue trends but not actual revenues per se.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to approve the minutes for January 24, 2003, February 5, 2003, February 10, 2003, and February 12, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Buttars adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Co-Chair

Rep. David L. Hogue, Co-Chair